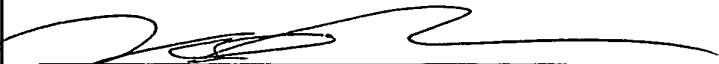



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Invention: CAPILLARY ELECTROPHORESIS SYSTEMS AND ADDITIVES					
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-23, 34 and 35, drawn to a capillary electrophoresis process and method of separating protein constituents.

II. Claims 24, 25 and 27-30, drawn to a solution of a buffer system for capillary electrophoresis.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, and corresponding to claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-23, 34 and 35. However, this election is made with traverse, in view

of the following amendment to the claims. Specifically, Applicants have amended the claims to include new claim 36, which corresponds to the election of Group I since new claim 36 is drawn to a capillary electrophoresis process and method of separating protein constituents. This claim is a "linking" claim. In addition, claim 21 has been amended to correct a spacing error, and claim 24 has been amended to eliminate the "in a liquid support" limitation. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments to the claims.

In view of the foregoing amendment, notwithstanding the different classifications of the claims of Group I and II, the "inventions" in these groups are now technologically related, if nowhere else, through new claim 36, and the respective searches would appear to be substantially coextensive. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that a search for one "invention" will necessarily involve a search for the other as well. In accordance with the policies outlined in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, where possible, a search of all "inventions" should be made together. It is respectfully submitted that doing so in this instance will not be unduly burdensome. Reconsideration of the requirement and examination of all the claims are therefore respectfully requested and considered to be appropriate in this case.

In the event the request to examine all the claims together is not granted, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.